

Class 1 and Nursery

Welcome!

It has been lovely welcoming back the children this week and hearing all about their Summer holidays! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families joining Class 1 this term. It has been such a pleasure getting to know your children this week. They have each been getting a little more settled and confident with all the new beginnings including making new friends, the routines, staff and environment. We have focused on lots of getting to know you activities and showing the children how to use the classroom resources successfully.

As the half term progresses we will be focusing on the topic 'All about Me' including our families. We look forward to a great year working alongside you!

Staff:

Mrs Deane - Monday and Tuesday
Miss Atkins - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Mrs Hazell- Nursery Monday- Friday mornings
Miss Dani- Nursery- Monday- Friday afternoons.

Timings:

8:35am Classroom doors open
8.45am Registration
12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch
3:15pm School finishes

Safety: Please close the garden gate after yourself. At the end of the day please wait until we have dismissed the children before speaking to staff to help us ensure all children are safe!

Reminder of what your child needs:

- ❖ Book bag, daily
- ❖ Water bottle, daily (no squash please, just water)
- ❖ PE kit (Reception only) with spare clothes to stay in school
- ❖ Forest school kit and wellies to stay in school
- ❖ Appropriate coat/hat for the weather (and sun cream applied if necessary)

Remember to make sure all belongings are named so we can return it to you if it gets lost! Please ensure spares are replaced too!

Important Days:

Monday and Thursday- Reading book change days (Reception only)

Thursday - Forest School in the afternoon

Friday - PE day

Friday: Library book day- returned the following Friday please.

Snacks and Drinks

The children are provided with a fruit/vegetable snack and a glass of milk each day. You are welcome to bring in a snack for your child if you know they prefer a certain type of fruit/vegetable. A healthy and nut free snack can be brought in to supplement the fruit basket if you wish.

Unique Password

Remember to set up your unique password for end of day collections. Always call school if you are late or if someone else needs to collect your child unexpededly.

Class Teddy and Show & Tell

This term, we will begin sending home our Class Teddy to spend a week with each child. We are looking forward to seeing what our teddy gets up to! More information to follow. We will be holding weekly Show & Tell sessions on Fridays which will offer a fantastic opportunity for communication, language and listening development. You will soon receive a schedule to enable each child to have an opportunity to take part.

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The Early Years Framework

Whether your child is in Nursery or Reception they will be covering aspects of the Early Years Curriculum. There are 7 areas which are split into Prime and Specific areas.

The Prime Areas are:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

The Specific Areas are:

- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Communication and Language

This aspect is split into listening and attention and speaking. This half term the children will focus on developing attention during story times and adult led carpet times. They will be encouraged to talk about themselves and their families and develop social phrases as they get to know their peer group. This will include joining in with and retelling stories. We do a lot of singing in Early Years which is great for rhyme and vocabulary.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we aim for the children to adjust to the routines and boundaries of the setting and to recognise and voice how they are feeling to a trusted adult. We also want the children to develop independence in using the resources around them with their peers.

Physical Development

This part of the curriculum is divided into fine and gross motor skills. This half term we will focus on developing and refining the gross motor skills perhaps already acquired such as running, jumping and hopping. Gross motor development is so important in strengthening the core for balance and agility to encourage a good sitting position at the table for fine motor activities.

Evidence Me

Thank you to those of you who have consented to the terms of use agreement for Evidence Me. We use this platform to share with you the wonderful learning and activities that your child has been accessing at school. Please do take the time to look at these as it's a lovely way in to your child's day and is a good communication starting point if they've forgotten what they've done during the day.

We also love seeing and sharing WOW moments from home, so do upload these for us too, perhaps some news from your Summer Holidays.

Phonics and Reading Books

We deliver a phonics lesson daily to the Reception children following Level 2 of Twinkl Phonics which will begin next week. They will be taught individual letter sounds in a specific order and will quickly be taught how to blend these together to read small words.

Nursery children will have focused 'talk time' which will include early phonics with Level 1 of Twinkl Phonics, focused on listening and attention. We use a multi-sensory approach to all our adult guided time. We will soon be issuing reading books alongside an information letter for parents.

[Parent Phonics Workshop for Early Years and KS1 Parents Thursday 5th October 2.15pm - 3.15pm.](#)